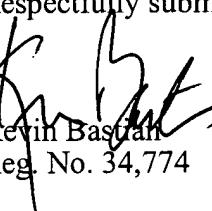


REMARKS

The above amendments are made to correct minor typographical errors in the claims presented in the amendment mailed November 11, 1998. In addition, claim 20 has been amended to conform to the language of claim 1, which recites that the peptide of the invention is not atacin, lysozyme, or cecropin. Although the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the term "and" be inserted in this place in claim 1, Applicants believe the meaning of the claim is clearer with the term "or". No new matter is added with these amendments.

In view of the foregoing and the Amendment mailed November 11, 1998, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

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